

EDITORIALS

The Specter of Fear

When you waken in the morning, do you sometimes wonder whether you will live through the day? Do you look in the mirror and ask yourself which lingering disease you may catch, or whether fate will be merciful and snuff you out quickly in a traffic smash? Are your dreams haunted by the specter of nuclear annihilation, of being overtaken by a radioactive rain of death?

We get the impression that we are diseased and crippled by germs and malnutrition. Our teeth are decaying; our hair is falling out; we are about to lose our jobs; our wives and sweethearts are leaving us because of our breath; our children are becoming criminals and dope addicts; traffic is killing and maiming us, and in the future, the few doddering remnants that happen to be left will be wiped out by H-bombs.

Poor old U. S. A. is all ready for the undertaker—if we can believe the publicity boys and their high-powered fear campaigns. Fortunately, most of us do not believe them, or insane asylums would be bursting at the joints. It is sensible to be aware of real hazards and to take precautions against them, but there is such a thing as becoming saturated with fears until they spiral us into a state of abnormal phobia.

The entire emphasis of our national life has shifted imperceptibly from confidence to fear. The old-time American was fearless, and self-confident. He held his head high, proud of his pioneer heritage, courageously facing the future, sure of his ability to meet every problem capably and effectively.

Sound Investment

A box of Girl Scout cookies is one of the soundest financial investments to be found anywhere. The purchaser reaps twin benefits. He receives a tasty delicacy for his fifty cents, but more important, he becomes a share holder in the future of American womanhood.

His nominal investment makes more and better Scouting possible. As the annual Girl Scout cookie sale grows, so grows Girl Scouting. It's as simple as that.

Currently, there are thousands of girls throughout the Los Angeles area anxiously waiting to be summoned into the ranks of Scouting. How soon they can realize this dream depends entirely upon your response to the 1955 cookie sale.

In past years you have been good to Girl Scouting. Your response has made it possible for the membership in the Los Angeles Council to grow in numbers from 17,107 girls in 1951 to 25,734 girls in 1954.

Throughout the rest of this week, those 25,734 pairs of young eyes will be focused on you. They will be looking to you to supply the wherewithal to insure continuation of Girl Scouting's noble work.

So when that little girl approaches you on a street corner or at your home and poses the question, "Cookies, mister?" or "Cookies, ma'am?", dig in and be proud of yourself. You just bought a share in one of the organizations which has made America the greatest country in the world.

George Washington

Like men in a tiny ship, our Founding Fathers dared to cast off the lines that bound them to England and set out in treacherous, uncharted seas on the course of democracy.

The ship was well-manned, with Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Madison, and many others. But for captain they needed that man among them who had most of strength and courage and devotion to their cause. Who would it be? Almost instinctively, they knew.

They turned to George Washington. Probably Washington never dreamed that a nation second to none in the history of the world would grow out of that early voyage, and would pause on a day 223 years after his birth to honor him.

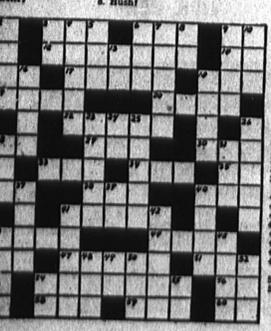
It was his courage in the face of physical danger, first, which saw us through the Revolutionary War. Had he once wavered, America might have been doomed to colonial status, lasting, perhaps into the twentieth century. His mental courage later held the states together in the confused days following the War.

From the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 until his death in 1799, Washington was the leader, the captain of democracy, a staunch pillar supporting the growth of America.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS: 1. Old form of "the" 2. Grain heads 3. Feminine suffix 4. Saline degree 5. Article 6. Victory 7. Above 8. Wire mesh 9. Tow 10. Draw forward 11. Tread 12. Blockhead 13. Absent 14. Hard wood 15. Puffy 16. Awe 17. Beetle 18. Field notes 19. Omit of hered 20. Animal 21. Creek letter 22. Wholesome cut 23. Anti-Saxon 24. Mower 25. Possessive pronoun 26. Indio plant 27. Bird 28. Star 29. Fish eye 30. Ice 31. Distress signal 32. Thin 33. Last bud 34. Near 35. Rural pronoun 36. The same 37. Christian (abbr.) 38. Maroon 39. Possessive pronoun 40. Sweet potato 41. City in Oklahoma 42. Near 43. Maroon 44. Uncle (Obsolete) 45. Dialect 46. Rush

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- DOWN: 1. Intel 2. Espionage agent 3. Heavens 4. Ours 5. Fish eye 6. Bovine quadruped 7. India province 8. Variety of carp 9. Hop like 10. Lizard 11. New England state (abbr.) 12. Aurore 13. Whirl (obscure) 14. Portion of whole 15. Squire of ash 16. Seal 17. Fox example 18. Pre 19. Pen for swine

Following the Tachen Pattern



It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Communist Program HURRY. HURRY. The pushing and shoving that goes on between our government administrators, politicians, and labor bosses to see who can be first to toe the Communist Party line is a curious thing to observe. It is particularly curious when we consider that during the past 10 years we have spilled the blood of more than 140,000 of our sons and have spent about 300 billions of our dollars for the announced purpose of defending the "free world" from the communist menace. After nearly 23 years of phenomenal growth in the size and power of our federal bureaucracy and our labor hierarchy we have almost completed the 30 steps outlined by Karl Marx in the Communist Manifesto as necessary for a socialized state. Under the guise of "social progress," each federal administration since 1933 has taken us still farther along the road to socialism, which is the form of government prescribed for this country by the Communist Party. From time to time the Communist Party of the United States issues what it calls its "Draft Program." These pamphlets chart the course to be followed by government and labor leaders for the establishment of socialism. Two were issued in 1954, one in April and one in September, both published by the New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y.

COMUNIST EDITORS: The April pamphlet, entitled "The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Democracy—Draft Program of the Communist Party," declares that "The Government has the responsibility to guarantee jobs and living standards." This is responsibility assigned by the Communist Party, not by our Constitution. And how willingly, even eagerly, do our government and labor leaders accept the communist edicts? To implement the establishment of a socialist dictatorship in the United States, the Communist Party proposes certain measures to be taken by the federal government. Among these are substantial increases in unemployment and social security benefits, free and equal educational opportunities, a federal health plan, and a huge federal public works program. Further communist proposals include "respectful coexistence"; big power negotiations and agreement to include "People's China"; trade with Red China, Russia, and her satellites; an end to "witch-hunting" and "book-burning" (the liquidation of Senator McCarthy); repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and no court or government interference in strikes; a strict enforced FEPC, and federal legislation to outlaw segregation.

COMPLIANCE: Has our federal government shown any signs of flagging in its efforts to carry out these communist directives? None whatever! The record speaks for itself. It is further amplified by the President's message of the Union message on Jan. 6 and by his subsequent recommendations to the Congress. Even so, Mr. Eisenhower's efforts to complete the socialization of the United States have not been speedy enough to suit the labor bosses. They intend to get there "fastest with the mostest." Consequently we now have a merger agreement between the two giant labor unions, AFL and CIO, which will bring the 15 million present members under the absolute rule of one colossal union dictatorship, with millions more to be added in an all-out organizing drive. Walter Reuther, the Soviet-trained president of CIO and a vice-president of the United World Federalists, described the Eisenhower administration's economic programs as "petty and halfhearted." In approving the AFL-CIO merger, Reuther said, "We are pooling our resources so we can take on the task of organizing the great mass of unorganized workers in America and build up a greater industrial democracy." The merger, said Reuther and George Meany, president of AFL, would make the union federation stronger and more effective in dealing with employers and in seeking to achieve political aims.

SIGHTS SET: How does all this fit in with the Communist Party's directives? Their September, 1954, pamphlet, "The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Equal Rights, and Democracy—Program of the Communist Party (New Country)," declares: "The key to the crucial 1954 and 1956 elections lies in the ability of organized labor to come forward as a distinct political force even within the framework of the present two-party system." But eventually, says the Communist Party, "Labor must set its sights in the direction of a great party of its own, a party without Wall Street financiers, corrupt un-

derworld racketeers, or Southern Democrats. In short, a true united front party of labor and the common man... The Communist Party affirms its deep and abiding faith in the American people and their ultimate decision to establish socialism." Obviously, labor and government leaders have set their sights and charted their courses without consulting the American people. The race now apparently is between the captains of the two major political teams and the union bosses to see who can be first to prove that the Communist Party's deep and abiding faith was not misplaced.

30 YEARS AGO February, 1925 Consuls from ten foreign countries expressed amazement after viewing Torrance's industries. Said one: "The Japanese think of Los Angeles as the home of Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks. But in reality I have learned that your great Southern California is a great industrial center. I am impressed."

Only 15 Minutes Warning Seen if Air Raid Comes

By JOSEPH M. QUINN City News Service

Only 15 minutes' warning is all the people of Los Angeles County can now depend upon in case an enemy launches an atomic or hydrogen bomb attack on this area.

"Duck-and-cover" in the nearest air raid shelter is the only protection possible against a sneak raid at the present time.

When the warning period is increased slightly, many people may be able to escape from industrial target centers to scattered residential areas.

Not until at least six hours' advance warning is possible will maximum dispersal within the area be practicable.

A much greater alert period will be required to evacuate the county's 5,000,000 residents.

And only extensive public education about radiological defense can minimize casualties regardless of the length of time available to take precautionary measures.

This sobering analysis of the chance-for-survival in event World War II is launched by a bomber raid on Los Angeles was given the Board of Supervisors by Howard Earl, county director of Civil Defense.

"No community in the United States is confronted with civil defense problems quite like ours," Earl reported.

"Only four of the county's 46 cities are inland far enough to be presumed free from direct damage from enemy bombs, and it may well be even these four will lie in the path of radiological fallout."

"Our population resides in an area within an assumed 20-mile radius target zone. On two sides, these people are blocked by the ocean. As a result, the major highways lead from the danger area's perimeter."

Earl pointed out the county will have "the most modern, certain, and adequate public warning system in the world" when the air raid sirens system operated by radio remote control is completed.

"We are not assured at present that we will get more than 15 minutes' warning of any threatened enemy action against this area," he warned.

Authorities shall have extended and completed radar and detection systems to provide earlier warning, we shall be in as good position as any community to swing into immediate action upon receiving the warning."

Some 30,000 active Civil Defense volunteers are being trained to supplement an equal number of county employees who are required by law to assist in disaster assignments in event of an emergency.

"In a war-activated disaster, we all know there never will be as many trained volunteers as are required for the public's well-being," Earl said, "so we will do more full-time employes to strengthen plant protection, ground observer corps, and volunteer enrollment activities."

In addition, when the \$250,000 Gehr Memorial Fire College opens soon, greater training facilities will be available for volunteer and auxiliary firemen of the county and all its cities.

More than 1200 Civil Defense workers have completed county-sponsored courses in radiological protective measures, and many more will be trained in the use of mobile laboratories, detection devices and other radiological equipment.

An emergency operations center already is in operation to change the alignment of 203rd St. as it ran through Torrance, an action which is still being discussed. Residents of south Torrance were starting work on Walteria Park, slated to open by summer. The Torrance Bus Lines plan to expand their services to outlying areas... Evr Palica, play-er for the Mudhens, was scheduled to join the Brooklyn Dodgers, with whom he later started... Local shop-pers were rushing to get new shoes, since the ration board had declared a three-week holiday on the use of ration stamps for the foot coverings... Lomita residents joined Torrance in protesting the proposed south Torrance dump.

Since not more than 15 minutes' advance warning are likely to precede an enemy attack on the Los Angeles area, Civil Defense officials are warning three courses of action alert at any given moment as possible.

The success of their endeavors depends largely upon how well the public is informed about the steps taken for their protection and the general cooperation extended immediately before and during the emergency period.

As pointed out by Earl in his report, to the Board of Supervisors:

"Among the most serious problems facing civil defense is the problem of public information. We must more successfully get all the facts bearing on civil defense into the open."

A county-wide dispersal plan cannot be perfected until the end of the year. Meanwhile, less effective life-saving measures have been developed. A siren alert system has been installed, county and city employes and thousands of volunteers have been given special disaster training, and the general public is being encouraged to participate in plans for their own survival.

"Until more than 15 minutes of warning is guaranteed, and until there is a dispersal plan, the county's policy is and can only be 'duck and cover,'" seek the nearest shelter upon an alert," Earl said. "When the warning time may be increased slightly, then the 4 a.m. situation, or go-home policy, may be effected. When the warning time becomes more extensive, the maximum dispersal practicable into the non-target areas must be carried out."

"Now, while the national air raid detection system is being perfected, we should be prepared for all three plans of action. And the public must, during this trying period, share the uncertainty with us, must listen to their radios when the sirens sound and do as directed. Our aim will be to save all the lives possible."

The dispersal plan envisions the evacuation of nearly all the people from Los Angeles County. The plan cannot be formed up until studies now under way indicate:

- 1. Whether rail and water movement will be possible
- 2. How maximum use may be made of existing roads, nets, and
- 3. How the people may be provided for when they reach dispersal areas.

Mail Box

Editor, Torrance HERALD:

Several weeks ago I was following a Torrance Municipal bus down Western Ave. True that we had had rain a few days before, but the outside of that bus was so dirty that it was almost impossible to tell what color it was.

This didn't mean much until I saw the yellow Metropolitan Coach Lines buses in Los Angeles a few minutes later. Though they too had to operate in areas where there were still a few puddles remaining, not one was as muddy and filthy as the Torrance buses.

I don't have to ride these Torrance buses, but I think it would be a credit to those that do, to the drivers and to Torrance if they were given a bath at least once a month.

R. A. GREMEYER Torrance

Magazines Sought

Editor, Torrance HERALD:

I wonder if any of your readers would like to help the boys of LeRoy Boys Home by sharing with them used magazines for the rest of the year. This place in LaVerne is home to some 60 boys ranging in age from six to sixteen.

We want to make available to the boys a varied list of publications from Child Life to Scientific American including: Children's Digest, Boys' Life, Compact Science Digest, Popular Science, Mechanical Illustrated, Motor Trend, Flying, Air Trails, Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Western Horseman, Geographic, Sky and Telescope, Arizona, Desert and other hobby, science, sports, flying, and sports periodicals.

Would your hobby journal appeal to the boys? We need any magazine that is interesting or informative to boys, or useful to the staff as Parents, Today's Health and others. We have 60 boys, several of each title would be welcome.

For the convenience of you who will share your magazines with the boys in the coming months I will send 12 addressed mailing labels with postage. Thus you keep them as long as you need them, then send them directly to the boys.

For the labels write to me at 151 N. Lincoln Pl., Monrovia, listing what you have for the boys.

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IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

THE GREATEST RACE IN 1954 WAS CHINA TEA CHIPPERS... CALLED THE BAR TOGETHER... THREE... BUT BY THE SAME COMPANY... CROSSED THE BAR TOGETHER... 30 DAYS LATER THE SAME 3 SHIPS... WERE BY LONDON... 3000 MILES WITHIN... WITHIN 2 HOURS OF... EACH OTHER... THE FIRST TWO SHIPS... WERE 500 MILES... BACK TO BACK... NECK AND NECK!

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WE CREAM CONES... WESE INTRODUCED... IN 1924... IN NEW YORK... WE'VE SOLD OVER 100,000,000 GALLONS OF ICE CREAM... (SEE NOW CONSUMED ANNUALLY IN THE U.S.)